



Long Mountain CE Primary School and Pre School

Preschool Admissions Policy

At Long Mountain CE Primary School and Pre School, each policy reflects the Christian ethos and values which are at our core. We are an inclusive Church of England school community where each child knows they are loved and valued for who they are and can grow to their full potential.

“let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5: 15-16

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Signed by the Chair of Governors:	

Admissions Policy

Long Mountain preschool accepts children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. It is our intention to make our preschool accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community regardless of ethnicity, gender, special education needs, disabilities, background, religion, or competence in spoken English. In order to accomplish this, we will:

- Look into special circumstances (e.g. children with special needs, LAC or recommendations from outside agencies, i.e. foster parents, health visitors, social services); these may be given higher priority.
- Give priority spaces to two year olds who are in receipt of 24U funding.

Once spaces have been allocated to NEF and 24U children, the following order of priority will be followed:

- Children living in the defined 'catchment area' where places are available.
- If places are not available for these local children, then consideration will be given to those children who will at some time of admission have brothers/sisters at the preschool, and then on basis of proximity to the school.
- Any places for children living outside of a 'catchment area' will be allocated as follows, first children who will already have brothers/sisters at the preschool at the time of their admission. Secondly any remaining places will be allocated on the basis of proximity to the preschool but subject to the following criteria:
- Out of 'catchment area' admissions can only be considered when all 'in area' applicants have been placed for a minimum of three terms and spare places exist subject to the following criteria:
- There is no suitable NEF nursery provision serving the area of their home address, or there is an approved justified exceptional reason for needing to seek a nursery place in another area.

In the event of there being a waiting list we allocate places for children under 4 years as follows:

- On a first come first served basis.
- Give priority to those living within the catchment area

- Give priority to children not already attending a preschool facility.
- Priority will be given to those intending to attend more than one session per week.
- Make our equal opportunities widely known.
- Operate the allocation procedure termly.

Please note: **Putting a child's name on a waiting list does not guarantee a place as admissions will be determined against fulfilment of the criteria as a whole rather than a specific aspect of it.**